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Charges Denied

NEW ORLEANS—A Texas banker-rancher and a commercial airline pilot from Baton Rouge, La., say they are innocent of charges of conspiring to transmit munitions to Mexico.

Richmond Harper of Eagle Pass, Tex., said in Texas Monday, "It's the most ridiculous thing I ever heard of."

Adler H. Seal, who has been a pilot with Trans World Airlines, said in New Orleans where he was released on a $50,000 personal recognizance bond, "I haven't done a thing. That's what you're going to find out."

They were among nine persons arrested Saturday night in Louisiana and Texas on the conspiracy charges. The federal government alleged that they were in a $465,000 scheme to smuggle plastic explosives and other accessories to Mexico for use to transship to another country.

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